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SUBJ: AIR POUCH SERVICE TO VALLETTA

1. WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DALAYS AND ERRORS IN AIR POUCH SERVICE. THIS PROBLEM IN TURN CREATES UNNECESSARY EXPENSE, AND IN SOME CASES HARDSHIP, FOR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT INSTANCES WHERE PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES AND ORTHOPEDIC SHOES, EVEN THOUGH WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITATIONS AND CLEARLY MARKED AS TO CONTENT AND REQUEST FOR AIR POUCH SHIPMENT, HAVE BEEN SENT VIA SURFACE POUCH. ORTHOPEDIC SHOES FOR ONE EMPLOYEE WERE ORDERED IN MAY, STILL TO BE RECEIVED, AND EMPLOYEE HASNOT BEEN TRANSFERRED TO U.S. FURTHER, AIR POUCHES ARRIVE OFF SCHEDULE AND SOMETIMES ONLY ONCE WEEKLY WHICH SERVICE IS POORER THAN SIX MONTHS AGO.

2. THERE IS ANOTHER CURRENT OUTSTANDING ORDER WHICH WE SUSPECT HAS BEEN SIMILARLY MISHANDLED AND WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT ASSURING IS NOT BEING HELD FOR OR BEING SENT BY SURFACE INSTEAD OF AIR POUCH. THE PACKAGE CONTAINS PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE AND DISPOSABLE PLASTIC PLAYTEX BOTTLES, NEITHER OF WHICH AVAILABLE MALTA AND REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY. THESE SUPPLIES WERE ORDERED BY LETTER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO FROM WESTWOOD, MARYLAND, DRUG FAIR (TELEPHONE (301) OL6-2477) AND ADDRESSED TO G.A. CRITTON, JR.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.GETZ

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